GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DRUG TRAFFICKING
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale drug trafficking through India takes place due to its position between Golden Triangle and Golden Crescent countries as per the studies conducted by various agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the name of the countries falling within the ambit of Golden Triangle and Golden Crescent;

(c) whether this issue has been taken up with the said countries by the Government; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): About 92% of the world's illicit opium is produced in Afghanistan. Some trafficking of Afghan heroin does take place through India due to its proximity to the Golden Crescent countries. The Afghan heroin trafficked through India is insignificant compared to the total production and quantum of heroin trafficked out of Afghanistan. This is borne by the quantum of seizures of heroin/morphine during 2005, which were as under:-

(in Kg.)

Country	Quantity
Pakistan	24,341
Iran	12,493
Russia	4,681
Tajikistan	2,345

(Sources: World Drug Report 2007 published by UNODC)

The heroin/morphine seizures in India during the year 2005 were 1028 Kg. of which 266 Kg was sourced to South-West Asia (Afghanistan/Pakistan). Opium production in the Golden Triangle countries has significantly reduced over the years. No significant trafficking of opium/heroin from these countries takes place in India.

The Golden Triangle countries are Thailand, Myanmar and LAOS whereas the Golden Crescent countries are Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran.

(c) & (d): Regular meetings at various levels are held by the Drug Control Agencies of India and Paksitan and measures discussed to control drug trafficking. In addition, periodical meetings take place between BSF and Pakistan Rangers where drug trafficking across the border is also discussed.

India and Myanmar have entered into an agreement on 30.02.1993 to effectively control trafficking of heroin between the two countries. Regular border meetings are held between India and Myanmar alternatively in respective jurisdictions.